

SAGE REFORM BILLS OFFERED IN ALBANY

Republicans Agree on Two Alternative Measures for Consolidating Departments.

NEW BUREAUS CREATED

One of the Proposals Is to Make Treasurer and Secretary of State Appointive.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, April 19.—The Republican reconstruction plan was completed to-night and introduced in a series of bills by Senator Sage of Albany. Two plans in reference to the number of elective and appointive offices and two on the consolidation of State departments are to be pressed in the form of proposed constitutional amendments and the next Legislature can take its choice of them before they are submitted to the people in the fall of 1922.

Under one plan the offices of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Comptroller and Attorney-General are to be elective. The State Engineer, the Secretary of State and State Treasurer are to be appointed. The Treasurer is to be the head of a newly created Finance Department, and there is to be an enlarged Tax Department, which is to take over all the tax collecting agencies of the Comptroller and the Secretary of State, including the income tax bureau. The Comptroller under both plans is to be merely an auditing officer.

Under the second plan the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Comptroller, Attorney-General and State Treasurer are to be elective. The Treasurer is to head the combined Tax and Finance departments. In other respects this plan is the same as the first.

Under the first of the consolidation plans one department of mental hygiene, charities and correction is to be created, taking over the present charities and prison departments, the State hospital commission and all their subsidiary bureaus and commissions. The second plan is to divide these into three departments: mental hygiene, charities and correction, Home Folks of the State Charities Aid Association is opposed to the first plan, objecting to the charities department being combined with any other.

All department heads outside of the elective offices are to be appointed by the Governor and are to be removable only with the consent of the Senate. No new departments can be created, but the Legislature can reduce and consolidate departments.

The Senate decided to-night to consider these measures Thursday, together with the Gibbs proposed constitutional amendments, which carry out the reconstruction plan of Gov. Smith.

KNEIP MURDER TRIAL OPENS.

O'Dell Jury Is Completed in Rochester Supreme Court.

ROCHESTER, April 19.—The trial of James I. O'Dell, who is accused of acting with his wife, Pearl R. O'Dell, in the murder of Edward J. Knep three months ago, began in Supreme Court here to-day. The jury was completed late this afternoon and District Attorney Love will open the case for the prosecution in the morning. Throughout to-day's proceedings Mrs. O'Dell, whose trial on a charge of murder will begin in a few weeks, was an interested spectator.

It is charged that the O'Dells lured Knep away from the tool plant where he was employed and then told him he was under arrest. O'Dell impersonating an officer, Knep was found in an unguarded spot in the woods outside the city and tied to a tree. He had been stabbed to death.

HELD FOR THEFT OF RUM.

Cafe Proprietor Accused of Taking Stock Worth \$10,000.

Joseph Singer, proprietor of a cafe at 257 Third avenue, was locked up at the East Twenty-second street police station last night on a charge of burglary. The police accused him of the theft of \$10,000 worth of rum from the bins of the Bacardi Corporation of New York, at 247 West Broadway.

The complaint about the disappearance of the rum was received by the police yesterday morning from D. S. De Jomah of the company. He said 101 cases had been taken. According to the police the stolen liquor was found in Singer's store.

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SWEET FAVORS JENKS BILLS TO RAISE FARES

Gets Them Into Rules Committee, Which He Controls.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, April 19.—Attempts by Assemblymen Theodore Stitt and Sol Ullman of Manhattan, to revive the Assembly Judiciary Committee, in which the Jenks bills to increase trolley fares would have died a natural death, were thwarted to-night by the rulings of Speaker Thaddeus C. Sweet, who is said to favor the measures. The bills are now before the Rules Committee, which Speaker Sweet controls.

They went to that committee Friday, because of the absence of Stitt and Assemblyman Evans of the Bronx from the Judiciary Committee, where their votes would have killed them. The bills, inasmuch as the life of the committee as regards the Jenks bills had ended April 13.

The Assemblymen's motions of to-night sought to revive the power of that committee. Speaker Sweet ruled that the resolutions were not privileged and could not be acted on except through a motion giving one day's notice to suspend the rules. This was not made.

PAUL REVERE RIDES AGAIN.

Massachusetts Towns Celebrate Historic Holiday.

BOSTON, April 19.—Paul Revere rode again to-day. While the State celebrated with official holiday the battles of Concord and Lexington which Revere's ride preceded, a horseman in the garb of Revolutionary days went over the route that the patriot traveled with his midnight warning of the British approach 145 years ago. At the same time the least famous ride of William Dawes, who carried the same message over a different route, was repeated by another rider.

The holiday was almost generally observed. Cities and towns along the route of Revere and Dawes made the passage of the riders the occasion for formal exercises.

The Stock Exchange, banks and business places were closed. Newspapers suspended publication in this city and in most other places in the State. Sporting events were numerous in this first out-of-door holiday of the season, and the forerunners of the summer's beach crowds made their appearance.

AMERICANS AT AINTAB SAFE.

Dr. Lorin A. Shepard, Held by Turks, Is Released.

Americans in Aintab, Syria, where Armenians are being besieged by Turkish Nationalist forces, were safe April 19, according to a cablegram from the Near East Relief from Beirut, Syria, received yesterday. Dr. Lorin A. Shepard, a medical missionary, and others were held by the Turks as hostages, but were later released.

Drs. Lambert and Zimmerman, relief workers at Aleppo, accompanied French troops to Urfa in order to assist American doctors in that district who were in straits for food and money. "There and elsewhere," according to a despatch, "the American personnel is unharmed."

ASK CHRISTIANS TO AID JEWS.

All Invited to Give to \$35,000,000 Fund for War Sufferers.

For the first time in the history of Jewish charities, it is said, outside assistance will be sought in raising New York's quota of the \$35,000,000 national fund for the relief of sufferers in the war-ridden countries of Europe.

Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the joint distribution committee, issued a statement last night in which he said the tremendous and overshadowing character of the calamity visited upon 5,000,000 persons has caused the Jews of New York to ask the active aid and contributions of non-Jews in the interest of the welfare of humanity.

TO BUILD BRITISH SHIPS HERE.

Band Plays While Keels of Two Vessels Are Laid.

The keels of two of the first four steamships ordered by foreign interests from American yards on the Atlantic coast were laid yesterday at Shooter's Island by the Standard Shipbuilding Corporation. It was stated that the vessels will be operated by the Eagle Transportation Company of London.

Officials of the British firm and the shipbuilders made the first step in actual construction an occasion for a band concert. The four ships involve a cost of \$7,000,000. Each is to be 427 feet in length. The speed will be eleven knots.

SENATE EXPUNGES THOMPSON SPEECH

Charge of Drunkenness When Socialists Were Unseated Is Stricken Out.

NIAGARA MAN ASSAILED

He Refuses Persistently to Reveal Authority on Which He Attacked Assemblymen.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, April 19.—Senator Thompson of Niagara was assailed bitterly to-night when the Senate, with only one dissenting voice, voted to expunge from its records his charges, made last week, that the Assembly indulged in a drunken orgy on the night the Socialist Assemblymen were unseated.

While a crowded gallery listened with suppressed excitement, Senators Walters and Walker, majority and minority leaders, turned on Senator Thompson and demanded that he name those who gave him his information or retract the charges. Sitting deep in his big leather chair, Thompson refused to do either. He said he would not name his informants unless assured nothing would be done to them.

"You do not dare mention the names," Walker shouted. Looking at Thompson, Senator Walters demanded retraction of the "abhorrent statement." Senator Davenport suggested that inasmuch as several persons had been named by inference the Senate make an investigation so the public would know all the facts regarding the conduct of the Assembly on the night of the ouster. He said the charge of drunkenness was a libel on the Assembly.

Senator Thompson said he would give to the Judiciary Committee the names of those who gave him information about the "orgie." It is understood those to whom he referred are two newspaper men. Senator Cottino voted against adopting the resolution and Thompson was excused from voting. All reference to the orgy charges including the debate to-night will be stricken from the record.

Senator Walters read the resolution adopted by the Assembly asking that the upper house expunge from its records the statements made by Thompson. The stenographer read his record to the effect that Mark Daly of Buffalo had carried liquor to the Assembly chamber. Mr. Walters then moved that the statement be stricken out.

"Maybe my idea of my duty is eccentric," Senator Thompson said, but he insisted it was his obligation to the public to tell what transpired in Albany. It was not an easy duty, he said. He objected to expunging the record, saying the circumstances had not been investigated.

"I do not see how I can retract," Thompson said. "Your story is all based on information and belief, and now I demand you give us the names of your informants." Mr. Walters said, Thompson said he would give the names.

SAN REMO SNUBS WILSON.

Drops His Name From Driveway and Calls It Corso Flume.

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Before the war the drive was named Corso William II.

he would not give the names until he knew what the Senate proposed to do about it; whether those he named would be punished.

"It is a peculiar mental process which shields an unreliable informant and without investigation takes advantage of the privileges of the Senate to assail a branch of the Legislature," Walters continued. "Now you hide behind the statement that no investigation has been made. You have made an abhorrent statement. I now see the man on the soap box repeating your words when he tells of the expulsion of the socialists."

Several times Walters demanded the names. He said he had consulted more than twenty-five newspaper men representing all the great papers of the State and of that number had found only two who stated they witnessed anything even approaching "the orgy" Thompson had described. Called on again and again to stand up and give the source of his information, Thompson sat quietly and made no answer. Walters said he could not force an answer and moved adoption of his resolution.

ASKS \$5,000 FOR FALSE ARREST

Palace Theatre Employee Sues Ticket Broker.

James S. Grant, an employee of the Palace Theatre, started an action for \$5,000 damages yesterday against Henry Westler, known as Reuben Westler, for false arrest. Westler was arrested on a civil order of the Supreme Court and released after filing a bond for \$500 to assure his presence in court when the case is called for trial.

Westler has a theatre ticket office on Broadway. One of his employees, it is alleged, bought tickets from the Palace Theatre for speculative purposes. Grant exposed the transaction, asserting that it was in violation of the city ordinances. Thereupon Westler caused Grant's arrest on the charge of having "kiddied" the theatre's office. The charge was dismissed as soon as Grant was arraigned and he then decided to sue the broker.

ACQUITS "STORY OF A LOVER."

Magistrate Frothingham Decides Book Is Not Obscene.

The complaint against the firm of Bond & Liveright for publishing "The Story of a Lover" was dismissed yesterday by Magistrate Edgar V. Frothingham in Jefferson Market Court. Magistrate Frothingham declared he had read the volume. While he does not regard it as a choice bit of Sunday school literature, he held it could not be placed in the class with "obscene and indecent" reading literature.

After the decision was made known Assistant District Attorney Michael Driscoll dissented with the court, declaring he believed the author of the book regarded woman as a "degenerate creature."

GREVE CASE IS DISMISSED.

Old Indictment Charging Land Price Conspiracy Annulled.

Justice Blum of the Supreme Court dismissed yesterday the indictment for conspiracy against William M. Greve, president of the Neponset Realty Company. The indictment was returned at the height of the Mitchell-Hyman campaign for Mayor in the fall of 1917. It was dismissed for lack of prosecution.

Mr. Greve was indicted with William H. Reynolds, Frank Bailey, vice president of the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, and Charles O'Malley, a real estate expert who was employed under Comptroller Frendegast. The indictments against the other men still stand, but it is expected they will be disposed of in the same way. The indictments charged an attempt to boost the price of land condemned by the city for Seaside Park site on the Rockaway peninsula.

TRAIN KILLS WOMAN AT MIDDLETOWN.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 19.—An aged woman, believed to be Mrs. Matilda Foster of this city, was killed by an Ontario and Western express at a crossing here to-day.

U. S. SUPREME COURT DELAYS DRY RULING

Arguments on Pending Cases Will End April 30.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Supreme Court reconvened to-day without rendering an opinion in any of the pending cases involving the validity of the prohibition amendment and portions of the enforcement act.

Arguments on pending cases will end April 30 and no petitions asking for review of cases will be received at this time after May 11, the Supreme Court announced to-day. The court is expected to adjourn for the summer early in June.

In deciding a belated appeal the Supreme Court held that transportation by the owner of intoxicating liquors into a dry State by means of his own automobile was a violation of the Reed "bone dry" amendment. The opinion was rendered in Government appeal from Federal Court decrees quashing part of an indictment against Everett L. Simpson, who was charged with carrying intoxicants from Wyoming into Colorado.

Associate Justice Van Devanter, in rendering the opinion, said the taking of intoxicants from one State to another was interstate commerce no matter how transported, and that the Court believed it was Congress's intention to include all means of transportation. Associate Justice Clarke dissented.

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\$500,000 IS GIVEN TO CLEVELAND Y. M. C. A.

Laurel Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Aids Fund.

CLEVELAND, April 19.—A \$500,000 endowment gift from the Laurel Spelman Rockefeller Memorial fund to the Y. M. C. A. was announced by Mrs. John French chairman of the executive committee of the national board, at to-day's session of the national convention. The gift raises the endowment fund of the association from \$1,600,000 to \$2,100,000. Delegates at the final business session to-day adopted recommendations for a \$3,000,000 budget to be raised for national work during 1921 and to increase the endowment fund for active work to \$10,000,000 by January 1, 1925.

ILL WINDS HIT AN ATTORNEY.

Summer Home of Accused Forger Is Blown Into the Sea.

NANTUCKET, Mass., April 19.—Joseph F. Warren of Boston, an attorney who was indicted a week ago for alleged forgery of mortgage checks and larceny, encountered further trouble to-day when his summer residence here was blown into the sea.

The building was a frame structure of two stories, fully furnished, but unoccupied. The shore along the avenue where it stood was undermined by a storm last fall and the house undermining weakened.

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